



# Foggy Bottom News

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## FBA Supports New GWU Hospital—With Reservations

On the occasion of a "certificate of need" hearing, the Foggy Bottom Association filed a letter supporting the construction of a new hospital building, but expressing grave concerns about the traffic and parking problems associated with it.

The FBA had earlier participated in the proceedings which led to the ownership of the hospital by District Hospital Partners, L.P. That company has now submitted to the State Health Planning and Development Agency its application for permission to construct a new facility to replace the existing hospital. It is to be built on land across 23<sup>rd</sup> from the present hospital; that land is currently used as a surface parking lot.

The FBA agreed with the new owners that a new facility should be built, but outlined the need for hospital staff and visitor parking to replace the spaces on that lot, before, during and following the construction of the building. The University itself has the responsibility to provide the parking, and the community has not been convinced that they can or will make up the parking deficit. In addition, the University has not announced its plans for the old hospital building.

A proposal has been mentioned that would add 200 spaces to a nearby garage and other measures, but at present they do not seem to

*(Hospital, to page 2)*



## UPDATE

### Here's How FB/WE Voted in the Primary

Following are the Board of Elections' numbers for the three Foggy Bottom and West End precincts. Precinct 2 residents voted at the West End Library, #3 at St. Mary's Court, and #4 at United Church.

In the Mayor's race, Democrats in #2 cast 5 votes for Chavous, 42 for Williams and 22 for Evans. In #3, there were 33 for Chavous, 296 for Williams, and 104 for Evans. In #4, 21 were cast for Chavous, 200 for Williams, and 57 for Evans.

In the Council race, Democrats in 32 cast 26 for Mendelson, 19 for Rice (all others got less than 10); in #3 138 voted for Mendelson, 109 for Rice, 29 for Sojourner, 46 for Rhett and 21 for Moody; #4's voters cast 82 for Mendelson, 72 for Rice, 41 for Sojourner, 21 for Outlaw and 18 for Moody.

## Carol Schwartz to Speak at September FBA Meeting

### Also Safeway Representatives

Carol Schwartz, D.C. Council Member-at-Large and Republican candidate for Mayor, will be the featured speaker at the September 28 Foggy Bottom Association meeting. It is to be held at the Wyndham Bristol Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., at 7:30 p.m. The FBA's June mayoral candidates' forum featured the Democrats who were vying for their party's nomination in the September 15 primary election. The winner, Anthony Williams, will face Mrs. Schwartz in the general election on November 3.

In addition, representatives from the corporate offices of Safeway have been invited to hear from the neighborhood about the Watergate Safeway's problems. Residents are complaining about the recent product shortages and the endless checkout lines. Safeway customers who want their opinions heard are urged to attend this meeting; if Safeway officials don't hear about problems, they cannot correct them.

## Recycling Returns to D.C.

Collection of recyclable waste materials from D.C. residences will return beginning Monday, October 19. Recyclables will be collected from the same place at each residence as regular trash, e.g., curbside or alleys. Waste Management, which was awarded the contract, will distribute new recycling bins and collection information "within two weeks of the first collection day," according to a press release from the Department of Public Works and the Chief Management Officer. The release also stated that recyclables would be picked up on one of the two days each week when regular

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## FOGGY BOTTOM ASSOCIATION MEETING

Speaker:

**Carol Schwartz**

D.C. Councilmember  
& Mayoral Candidate

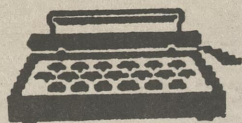
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*(Next Meeting, Monday, October 26, 1998)*



### In the Mail

I applaud Monika Bernstein's erudite letter published in the July 1998, issue of the *Foggy Bottom News*. Many residents of Foggy Bottom have been disturbed by a loud, unruly neighbor. Such behavior is hardly made more legitimate by the Kennedy Center. Rather, more is expected from an institution with [its] reputation. Surely, most of us in civilized society would never dream of hoisting huge amplifiers onto our property for the purpose of inviting a number of strangers to a small concert. Although the Kennedy Center traditionally embodies the highest pinnacles of civilized society, it also failed, for three days, to be civil to its neighbors.

Let's face it—the mixture of huge, outdoor amplifiers, substantial crowds, and musical genres generally associated with their decibel levels was unlikely to produce an acceptable level of noise. Given such an obvious recipe for loud noise, it is my hope that the Kennedy Center will—in the interest of being a good neighbor—outline substantial steps for reduced noise for the 1999 AmJam.

David L. Hooker

(Hospital, from page 1)

be adequate. The association urged that "the application (for the certificate of need) not be granted until parking needs...have been quantified, the impacts of other plans by the University have been determined, and parking needs have been fully provided for by means of conditions on approval of the present application."

FBA's letter also expressed concerns over traffic impacts, "especially as regards emergency vehicle access and patient drop-off and their effects on traffic in Washington Circle and streets south of the Circle." Currently, traffic entering and leaving the Circle in all directions is often at a standstill, with no foreseeable relief, even with the reopening of the Whitehurst Freeway.

The FBA also urged SHPDA officials to use their influence to encourage a "merger or coordination of facilities with Columbia Hospital for Women."

During the hearing, the ANC requested a delay because the hospital is now a private, for-profit facility and as such its status within the campus boundaries is subject to question, and the new structure will not be completed until after the current campus plan expires and a new one is to be decided on.

### Claridge House Opposes New Hospital

by Charles Farbstein

The Claridge House, a residential cooperative that is one of Foggy Bottom's largest apartment complexes, filed a resolution opposing the application by District Hospital Partners, L.P., to construct a new hospital facility to replace the existing George Washington University Hospital. The resolution, passed overwhelmingly by the Board of Directors of the Claridge House on September 8, 1998, was addressed to the two District of Columbia agencies considering the application: the State Health Planning and Development Agency (SHPDA) and the Board of Zoning Adjust-

### United to Hold Fall Sale

The United Church of Christ will hold its traditional Fall Sale on Wednesday and Thursday, October 28 and 29. The sale is famous for countless bargains, German bratwurst and delectable desserts.

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ment (BZA). The Certificate of Need hearing before SHPDA was held on September 15 and the record remains open until November 23 for receipt of written statements by interested persons. A BZA hearing is yet to be scheduled.

Among its concerns are that GWU has "not made any representation of its intentions regarding the use of the (current) facility....," as well as additional traffic and the absence of adequate on-site parking. The cooperative's Board of Directors also stated their belief that future needs could be met by appropriate renovation of the present facility.

Note: Charles Farbstein is a member of the FBA Board of Directors and voted against FBA's position and letter.

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### GWU Offers Community Service Prize

The George Washington University has announced the establishment of The Bender Prize, to be awarded to an "individual whose leadership and civic dedication" have benefited the city and its residents. A cash award of \$25,000 and a sculpture by John Safer will be given to the winner.

Nominations from any individual or organization, using an application available from GWU, must be submitted by October 16, 1998. The award is in honor of D.C. philanthropist Dorothy Bender and is funded by a foundation named for her. Contact The Bender Prize, 2115 G Street, N.W., Room 302, Washington, DC 20052 for application and information.

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## News from 2D

Happy news for friends of Lt. Joseph Trippi, who formerly was with PSA 207. Joe's wife gave birth to a 9-pound boy in late August; his name is Alexander.

Don't forget the PSA community meetings being held monthly. Sgt. Robert Panizari and his officers from 207 meet at St. Paul's Pillsbury Hall on the last Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. The next one is scheduled for October 29.

PSA 208, according to Sgt. John Rucker, will meet on Wednesday, October 14, at the State Plaza Hotel,

2117 E Street. There is also an entrance in the 2100 block of F Street which is nearer to the meeting rooms.

## Cockett Promoted to Inspector

Captain Shannon Cockett has been promoted by Chief Ramsey to the post of Inspector in charge of the Special Investigations Division. Capt. Cockett has been responsible for the two PSAs in Foggy Bottom and West End, as well as the downtown and Georgetown PSAs. She will be missed! However, we applaud the chief's judgment.

## Volunteers to Undergo Training Session

Residents who have volunteered to work at the Policing Center, as well as those who wish to do so and sign up, will be asked to attend a training session soon, prior to being assigned to duties at the Center. Sgts. Robert Panizari and John Rucker are processing those who have volunteered so far through a routine clearance procedure, and soon will notify them to attend a training session.

## Still Time to Sign Up

It is not too late to sign up; applications are available

## MPD Chief Ramsey Schedules 2<sup>nd</sup> District Town Meeting

Charles H. Ramsey, Chief of the Metropolitan Police Department, has scheduled a town meeting for residents of the Second District. It will be held on Tuesday, September 29, at 6:30 p.m. at Howard University's Moot Court auditorium, 2900 Van Ness Street, N.W. This location is convenient to the Van Ness Metro Station on Connecti-

cut Avenue.

The purpose of the meeting is for the Chief to present an overview of the current state of the department, its organizational structure, as well as his plans for changes, some of which have already taken place. Second District Commander Jacqueline Barnes indicated the meeting will last about two hours.

## Policing Center Hosts National Night Out

The new Policing Center was the scene of a gathering August 4 for National Night Out Against Crime. In addition to representatives from the Metropolitan Police Second District and GWU Security, on hand were the D.C. Fire Department (from Engine 23 on G Street), Park Police, and Uniformed Secret Service. National Night Out Against Crime is an annual event to bring together citizens and representatives of law enforcement and public safety.

## Guy Mason Center Announces Classes

Fall classes begin the week of October 1 at the Guy Mason Recreation Center, 3600 Calvert Street, just off Wisconsin Avenue. "One of the best bargains in the city" is its art classes ranging from painting and drawing to pottery, copper enameling and china painting. Also offered are beginning and advanced Spanish, self defense/karate, ballroom dance, aerobics, yoga, qi gong, and dancercise, along with chess and bridge, and a free retirees club. Call Vincent Cain or Caryl King at 282-2180 or visit the center for additional information.

at each of the PSA community meetings, as well as the FBA and ANC meetings. The open hours for the Center will depend on the availability of

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## Foggy Bottom Folks

Foggy Bottom's beloved **Lucille Molinelli** is recuperating from a fall and hip surgery in GWU Hospital. One visitor was cheered by her upbeat outlook and her new motto: "This is not the way I prefer to get attention!" As this issue is prepared, Lucille is undergoing rehabilitation therapy at the Washington Home.

Inveterate traveler and *FBNews* contributor **Rennie Melonson** is looking forward to being a tutor again (her third year) at Janney Elementary School. She also stated that the Encore bus tour to the Nicholas & Alexandra exhibit in Wilmington was magnificent. Take note, as Encore is offering another tour in November. So "hurry and reserve" is her recommendation. Encore's ad is on page 3.

**Paul Konopka** reports a welcome sight some days ago. Under the overpass at Washington Circle he spied **Father Val** from St. Stephen Martyr Church. Father Val was busily picking up the copious debris and trash which had collected—and unfortunately continues to collect—there. Father Val obviously was unhappy about the accumulation; he definitely believes that "the Lord helps those who help themselves." Word is that he filled over fifty bags, and the lined-up bags could be seen from 24<sup>th</sup> Street. The Department of Public Works in due course collected the bags. What a difference Father Val made and what a fine community

service was performed by this "one-priest beautification committee." Father Val celebrated 25 years as a priest during June, and the parish held a reception in his honor on June 7.

That large building on Pennsylvania Avenue between 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> houses the International Finance Corporation, a World Bank affiliate. The IFC made its auditorium available on September 1 for the FBA's forum for the candidates running for the D.C. Council at-large seats. Our thanks to **Namik Balci** and **Heather Leanna** for their help in staging the forum.

The IFC has also taken on the responsibility for the triangular public area just west of its building and for the median strip just west of 22<sup>nd</sup> on Pennsylvania Avenue. Plants and "walks" have been installed, and the areas are cleaned regularly. In addition, the sidewalk area between the K Street access roads at the Circle has been cleaned and will be kept clean by the IFC work teams. Have you noticed how nice it looks? We have, and our thanks to IFC and **Gordon Macdonald** for their help in this regard.

Kind of a small world story: **Bill Petros**, a photographer for the *Georgetown Current*, came to photograph the police and citizens painting over graffiti in our area earlier this year. While he was there, he mentioned that he and his brother had been associated with the Dove and Rainbow

Restaurant at 26<sup>th</sup> and M Streets. Which reminds me: I wonder about the origin of that restaurant's name. Can anyone supply the answer to that? Also, did you know that graffiti is the plural of graffito?

**Matt Hall**, who just resigned as FBA's membership director, recently received his commission as an ensign in the Naval Reserve. Hall, whose father is a retired Navy captain and whose brother is also in the Navy, has been assigned to the supply corps.

On Super Senior Day an award was presented to **Francis Connors** of St. Mary's Court (and formerly of the Park Lane) for outstanding volunteer services. Connors serves as evening telephone receptionist at his parish St. Stephen Martyr, and as a daily volunteer in the Pastoral Care Department at George Washington University Hospital. The Senior Volunteer award was presented by IONA Senior Services.

**Kirsten Olsen** reminded me that September is the birthday month of her super mom, **Betty Olsen**, who even after her untimely death is still missed on FB's sidewalks. Not sure the reminder was necessary, as thoughts of Betty come to mind when one crosses K Street with all its mess and litter (which she religiously tidied). Here's hoping all that goes away when the construction on the Whitehurst is finally done.

## The Foggy Bottom Diner

### Mehran Restaurant

By Jim Patterson

As an opener for this new season of the Foggy Bottom Diner, I sought out the newest restaurant in Foggy Bottom. This did not prove to be a difficult task given that many new restaurants are looking for locations in Foggy Bottom.

**Mehran Restaurant**, which opened July 10 at 2138 Pennsylvania Avenue, specializes in Pakistani and Indian dishes. The menu offers diners a variety of exotic dishes at extremely affordable prices. Appetizers and soups are priced under \$5. For an appetizer, I had the Samosa Vegetarian, a traditional pastry stuffed with potatoes and peas. It was served hot and tasty.

Traditional Tandoori Charcoal barbecues, served with rice, are well represented on the menu. There are 8 Tandoori dishes priced from \$5.25 for chapli kabob, ground beef with special spices, to \$6.25 for lamb kabob.

There are 8 meat curry dishes, priced from \$5.95 for chicken masala to \$7.95 for bataer masala, two tender quail cooked in special sauce. I enjoyed the chicken masala, chicken cooked in curry sauce with generous portions of onions and green peppers. Also, there are 5 vegetarian curries, all under \$5, that offer diners such favorites as lentils, eggplant, and okra, all served with rice and bread. Breads may also be purchased separately. These tantalizing flat breads are all priced under \$2.

Mehran offers daily and weekend specials, all moderately priced. There is even an "all you can eat" buffet for \$5.95. Mehran has quickly become a popular place for the Pakistani and Indian communities, so expect crowds for lunch and dinner. For readers who enjoy Pakistani and Indian cuisine, Mehran, the newest restaurant in Foggy Bottom, may also become a popular restaurant. Mehran is open 7 days a week from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. and till 4:00 a.m. on the weekends.

**C. William Tayler** of the Supreme Court Justice Westbridge received the Scalia, a member of the Athlete of the Year award at the Club's Sports Committee. Tayler indicates he has not yet been asked to endorse sportswear, but wonders if "AARP might be interested." Tayler was also appointed to the Club's Board of Governors.

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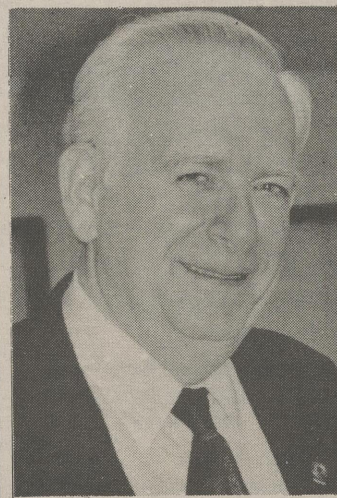
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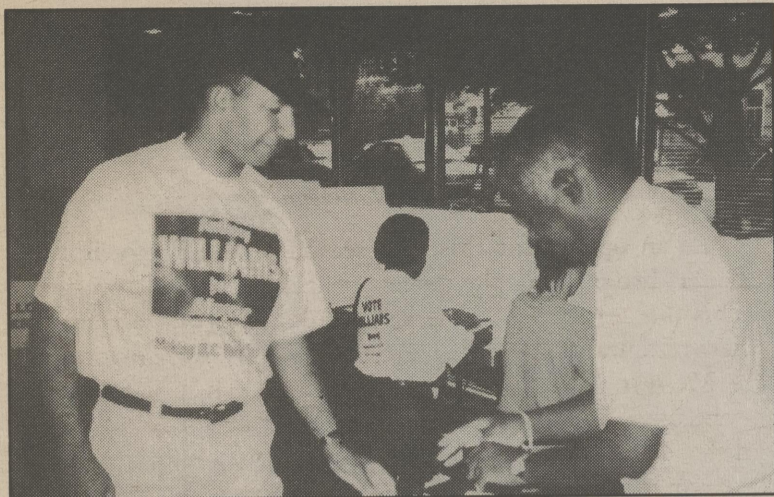
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Anthony Williams casts his vote at St. Mary's Court.

## FBA President Makes Plea at KenCen Hearing

Ellie Becker, FBA President, appeared at the August hearing of the National Capital Planning Commission on the Kennedy Center's plans for additions and changes at its site. Becker's comments centered on the excessive noise level experienced earlier this year at the AmJam and African programs. The July *FBN* carried a letter from a resident who related the problems encountered during the Memorial Day weekend AmJam program, and one response is printed elsewhere in this issue. Although Kennedy Center officials were contacted about the problem, the African music program some weeks later also caused a similar disturbance. So far, no complaints resulted from the September Open House.

The FBA president stated that normally a person can call a neighbor who plays music too loud and ask that it be turned down, but that "calls to the Center during AmJam were ignored," or call the police who, unfortunately, "have no jurisdiction over the Center."

Becker asked the NCPC to "immediately limit the Center's ability to disturb its neighbors," a request echoed by a letter from the Watergate complex. Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis and former Councilmember Arrington Dixon, members of the NCPC, expressed concern for residents disturbed by excessive noise levels.

## Council Candidates Appear in FB September 1

On Tuesday, September 1, the FBA held a forum for candidates running for two at-large seats on the D.C. City Council. Appearing at the meeting at the IFC Auditorium on K Street were Democrats William H. Bennett, Charles Gaither, Philip Mendelson, Linda Moody, Phyllis J. Outlaw, Kathryn Pearson-West, Don Reeves, Greg Rhett, Bill Rice, and Sabrina Sojourner. Also appearing were incumbent Republican David Catania, incumbent Statehood candidate Hilda Mason, and Mark Thompson of the Umoja Party. The winner of the September 15 Democratic primary, Phil Mendelson, will compete

with the other parties' candidates in the November 3 election for the two seats on the Council. Jim McLeod, FBA Vice President, arranged for and presided at the forum. He also provided several informative displays, including names of candidates for the ANC-2A seats to be voted on in November and diagrams of the Single Member Districts. FBA hopes to present the ANC candidates at its October meeting.

## FBA Executive Board Elected in June

At the June FBA membership meeting, elections were held and the following officers were elected:

President  
Ellie Becker  
Vice President  
Jim McLeod  
Secretary  
Lucille Molinelli  
Treasurer  
Rita Champagne  
Membership Director  
Matthew Hall  
(resigned 8/98)

Elected to the Executive Board were:

Catherine Braun  
Russell Conlan  
Olga Corey  
Charles Farbstein  
Katherine Hartman  
Richard Price

Chris Lamb, past president, remains an ex-officio member of the Board.

Matt Hall, in late August, submitted his resignation as Membership Director due to his relocation to an apartment on Capitol Hill for the next year. Prior to his resignation, he mailed out the FBA's membership renewal letter to all past members, and has processed the responses through the end of August. In addition to his work on membership this summer, Matt served as FBA Treasurer last year, and was responsible for last November's successful party which kicked off the FBA's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemoration. Matt's letter of resignation indicated his plans to return to Foggy Bottom next year.

According to the FBA Bylaws, vacancies are filled by the membership at a regular meeting, provided 15 days' notice has been given. Because that was not possible before the September meeting, it will probably be taken up at the October FBA meeting.

## A Message from the GW Student Association

By Jeff Marootian

A new academic year has begun, and The George Washington University Student Association (SA) is pleased to continue its service efforts within our Foggy Bottom community. As the prominent student organization at GWU, we are committed to working toward the constant betterment and preservation of the Foggy Bottom area and to the unification of all its residents. Under the new leadership of our President, Carrie Potter, we have begun to organize and plan various programs that will allow students to serve the entire community.

As always, the Student Association will continue with the very successful "Foggy Bottom Cleanup" program. This annual trash and litter removal event contributes greatly to the environmental and aesthetic wellbeing of our neighborhood. In addition, we will also be organizing a team of individuals to focus on beautifying specific sites which need extra work. Our goal is to always keep the streets and parks as clean as possible.

This year we are initiating a new program to allow individuals within the community who need assistance with housework or chores to call upon students for

help. This idea is currently being developed and is expected to come to fruition by mid-fall.

Please give us any suggestions as to how we can better serve you. For more information about our organization or to contribute any ideas, please call our office at 994-7100 and ask to speak with Jeff Marootian. Also, SA representatives will be present at all Foggy Bottom Association meetings.

## West End Library Returns to Fall Hours

September has brought the return to West End Library of its regular open days and hours. On Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, hours are 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Tuesday from 1:00 to 9:00 p.m. As in the recent past, the branch will be closed every Friday.



## Bring Back the Sailboats

The FBA this summer joined with the ANC in requesting that rentals of small sailboats be returned to the Potomac River in our area. The request was contained in a letter to the National Park Service and asked that small sailboats be made available at the Thompson Boat Center near Rock Creek Parkway and Virginia Avenue. The Boat Center is on Park Service property and is operated by Guest Services, Inc. To date there has been no response to the FBA letter.

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### Save Those Grocery Receipts

Safeway and Giant are again offering to local schools various kinds of equipment in exchange for store receipts. The collection started on September 13 and will continue until the end of February.

Collection boxes are being distributed to several apartment buildings in the neighborhood, and a box will be available at the West End Library. Residents who do not have a particular school to save for can bring them to FBA meetings. They will then be turned over to Stevens Elementary School on 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Francis Junior High at 24<sup>th</sup> & N Streets, and School Without Walls Senior High School on G Street.

All the schools will appreciate your holding on to your receipts and making sure a school is able to benefit from them.

### Community Wellness Lectures

#### Resume at GW

A series of community wellness lectures resumes this fall, presented by the GW Medical Faculty Associates. Scheduled for Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m., they are held in the GWU Hospital Auditorium at 23<sup>rd</sup> and I Streets. The lectures are free, but reservations are requested; phone 1-888-4GW-DOCS.

September 30: "Why Weight? Get Off the Diet Roller Coaster," by Leesa DiBartola, Ed.D., CHES

October 7: "Female Urinary Incontinence: New Treatment Options," by Jong Choe, M.D.

October 14: "Wellness Workshop: Caring for Yourself with Alternative Medicine," by Center for Integrative Medical Panel

October 21: "Breast Cancer: Where Are We Today?" by Jean Lynn R.N.

### Octagon Presents "On Foot"

The Octagon, home to James and Dolley Madison after the British burned the

White House in 1814, presents a historical walking tour featuring Anthony Pitch, author of "The Burning of Washington: The British Invasion of 1814." The tours, on Saturday, October 3, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, will feature White House area sites that played a role in that drama, including Lafayette Square, the White House, Decatur House and the Octagon. Fee is \$15 and includes light refreshments. Copies of Pitch's book will be available for signing at the Octagon. For reservations call the Octagon at 626-7387.

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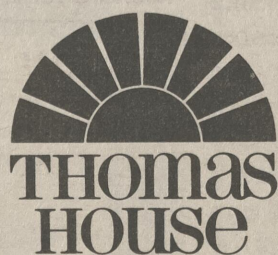
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## The Local Kaleidoscope

By John Graves

### The Ramps to Somewhere

Recall those "Ramps To Nowhere" on the north and south sides of the Whitehurst? They are gone. And the new ones are now opened, ahead of time as a matter of fact. The first traffic entered the morning of August 11. The intent of those original ramps was to bring traffic from the proposed "Three Sisters Island" bridge to Route 66 and I-95, but never were completed due to the community protest of the "Little Giant" Sammy Abbott, Mayor of Takoma Park. Remember those protest days?

Those were the beginning days of many years of traffic jams, detours, demolition and construction of beautiful roads, bridges, freeways and walkways which we now enjoy. When the landscaping and shrubs are planted the area will truly be beautiful for a walk—no trash or construction sawhorses, but shrubbery and plants. What happened to the ribbon-cutting? Foggy Bottom waited a long time for this day.



Kudos to Luke DiPompo, Chief, D.C. Bridge Construction and his crew. He gets the job done and returns phone calls—sometimes he answers his own phone personally—after 34 years on the job. In this photo he is flanked on the left by Tom Burke, Design Project Manager, and Everett Pedmiles, Assistant Design



Engineer on the right. It was an arduous task of many long hours over a period of five years. That was AHEAD of schedule!!! Luke's address is 4901 Shepherd Parkway, SW, zip 20032.

### More on the Bridges

While you are anticipating the new paved streets and curbs in our neighborhood—as reported in the May FBN—let me bring you up to date on bridge construction and/or repair.

The 24<sup>th</sup> Street bridge over the K Street underpass is under design and should be built sometime during the summer of 1999. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> Street bridge over E Street, you will note that the heavy steel plates—which have been there for many years—have been replaced and some asphalt smoothed over for the present. That bridge should be replaced sometime in the summer of 2000 (that figure certainly looks strange for a year). What a pity that these bridge constructions could not have been at the same time as the street construction to avoid additional traffic interruptions.

### Camille Barnett at WECA Meeting

The summer meeting of the West End Citizens Association was held June 27 at the State Plaza Hotel

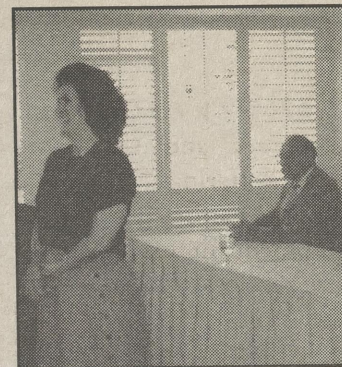
where a good crowd of enthusiastic folks enjoyed some pastry goodies from the kitchen of Lucille Molinelli, resident pastry chef of Foggy Bottom.

President John C. Batham introduced the guest speaker, Dr. Camille Cates Barnett, Chief Management Officer of the District of Columbia. Dr. Barnett began by comparing the state of the District with other cities she has seen in the nation and commented that, upon her arrival six months ago, she found greater disarray than she expected. This was compounded by untrained employees with inadequate support systems such as telephones and computers as well as poor leadership. Among various initiatives, she has set about to institute performance contracts with the directors of the District agencies and is requiring training plans for employees. The telephone and computer systems are the next targets for improvement. She expects her program of management improvements to take about three years but the residents of the District should start seeing results in intermediate steps. Dr. Barnett took questions from the audience which ranged from descriptions of problems with sidewalks to the favorite—pot-holes.

She moved out in front of the crowd without any mike and took charge—and does she know how to take charge! Her charm, talent, enthusiasm and vibrant personality fortified by her experience immediately captured the compete attention of everyone. She was accompanied by her assistant, Oliver Cromwell, and

DPW's Gary Burch. She listened attentively to all complaints and questions. Where possible she gave candid answers and, if not, she gave out her phone number and assured the folks that she would take action. A citizen who had a beef was immediately approached by her staff to get the name and telephone number.

For example, John Bartos, a retired Foreign Service man, calmly described the fire plug in the 900 block of 24<sup>th</sup> Street which has been a part of the neighborhood for about four years. It had been removed and left rusting; then replaced and it rusted (not installed, you understand, just replaced and left lying on the brick walk and curb with a safety "cone" and a hole, lots of gravel and misplaced sidewalk bricks), then replaced again. Monday morning, following Saturday's West End meeting, the fire plug was installed and functioning. Jack Batham had been troubled with a parking sign problem in the 2300 block of Virginia Avenue and 24<sup>th</sup> and H for many months. After many unanswered phone calls to DPW and since that meeting, Jack informs us that it will be corrected next month. Jack, who keeps his eye on just about everything in the area, had a similar



problem with the sidewalk at 21<sup>st</sup> and E for many months. He was informed by Gary Burch that it would be taken care of immediately—and it was.

The horrible condition of the south sidewalk on Virginia Avenue from 23<sup>rd</sup> Street to the River was reported and we were assured that it would be paved soon.

The score card of that Saturday afternoon meeting gave Dr. Barnett an "A" and the Department of Public works an "F." Keep your eyes on our new City Manager; she is dynamite and if anyone can correct this city government mess and restore efficiency and honesty, SHE WILL!

It is the general opinion that Gary Burch would make a great Director of the Department of Public Works! His phone number is 939-8060, where the friendly voice of Mrs. McKnight will take your call. Mr. Cromwell's is 727-4282 and if that fails Dr. Barnett will take your call at 727-3432.

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## Neighborhood Datebook

**Monday, September 28:** Foggy Bottom Association meeting, with Councilmember and Mayoral candidate Carol Schwartz. Wyndham Bristol Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. 7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, September 29:** Second District Town Meeting with the Chief of Police, Charles H. Ramsey, to provide overview of the department and his plans for the future. Howard University Moot Court auditorium, 2900 Van Ness Street, N.W. 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, September 30:** Wellness Lecture, "Why Weight?: Get Off the Diet Roller Coaster." See page 6.

**Saturday, October 3:** Historical Walking Tour, conducted by Anthony Pitch, author of "The Burning of Washington: The British Invasion of 1814." Sponsored by the Octagon Museum, the tour includes the White House, Lafayette Square, Decatur House, and the Octagon. \$15; for reservations call 626-7387. 10:00 a.m.-noon.

**Through Sunday, October 4:** Photographic documentary of Hutterites by Mary Koga. Arts Club of Washington, 2017 I Street. Tuesday-Friday, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., and Sunday, 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, October 6:** Flu shots administered, St. Mary's Court, 725 24<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W. \$5 donation. 10:00 a.m.-noon.

**Wednesday, October 7:** Trip to National Arboretum, sponsored by St. Mary's Court. Call 223-5712 for information. 1:00-3:30 p.m. (Look for Ellie Becker's bench in the bonsai exhibit!)

**Wednesday, October 7:** Wellness Lecture, "Understanding Female Urinary Incontinence." See page 6.

**Saturday, October 10:** Annual Fall Sale, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 2430 K Street, N.W. Times to be announced. Call 337-2020 for information.

**Sunday, October 11:** Recital by Donald A. Kaufhold, Jr., organist, featuring classical and contemporary works by the masters of "The King of Instruments." St. Stephen Martyr Church, 2436 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. 3:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, October 14:** Wellness Workshop, "Caring for Yourself with Alternative Medicine." See page 6.

**Wednesday, October 14:** Community Meeting for Police Service Area 208 (boundaries are N Street, 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, Virginia Avenue & north on 17<sup>th</sup>, west on G Street & north on 19<sup>th</sup>): State Plaza Hotel, 2117 E Street (enter on F Street). 7:00 p.m.

**Saturday, October 17:** Concert, The Salisbury Cathedral Choir of Girl Choristers and Gentlemen. St. Paul's Parish, 2430 K Street, N.W. General seating and reception. \$17 donation. 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, October 21:** Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A monthly meeting. Phone 659-0011 for time and location.

**Wednesday, October 21:** Wellness Lecture, "Breast Cancer: Where Are We Today?" See page 6.

**Saturday, October 24:** Recital, Philippe Lefebvre, Organist Titulaire of Notre Dame de Paris. St. Paul's Parish, 2430 K Street, N.W. General seating and reception. \$15 donation. 7:00 p.m.

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## Welcome Newcomers!

If you are new to the neighborhood, we welcome you and hope you take as much pride in our Foggy Bottom community as FB oldtimers do.

Here are some items which might be helpful to you:

**Community organizations.** The Foggy Bottom Association and the Foggy Bottom/West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A meet monthly and the West End Citizens Associations meets quarterly. Attendance at their meetings (and reading the FBA's Foggy Bottom News) will make you aware of FB happenings and issues.

**Parking.** It's at a premium in the Bottom and private spaces are closely monitored—respect them. Parking in alleys, blocking sidewalks, and overtime parking are subject to frequent ticketing and hefty fines so beware. You are eligible for unlimited street parking if you obtain a residential parking permit (call 727-6680).

**Pets.** Leash them! Clean up after them! Many of your neighbors work hard to maintain their front yards and tree spaces; resist the urge to let your dog "go" on them. There are a number of public spaces in the area that can be used by your pets—but you still must clean up after them.

**Noise.** Please keep radios and stereos at a level so as not to disturb your neighbors, especially at night. Occasional parties are expected and acceptable, but be considerate and notify neighbors in advance. The police noise complaint number is 727-1010. It is for your use as well as your neighbors' use.

**Neighborhood watch.** Keep an eye out for out-of-the-ordinary and therefore suspicious things in the neighborhood. The police non-emergency number is 727-1010; ask them to investigate. Of course, the emergency number is 911.

**Sunday, October 25:** Benefit Brunch, "Conversations at the Keyboard" with Bishop Michael Marshall. St. Paul's Parish, 2430 K Street, N.W. Call 703-521-4112 for reservations. \$15.00 1:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, October 27:** Flu shots administered, St. Mary's Court, 725 24<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W. \$5 donation. 10:00 a.m.-noon.

**Through Wednesday, October 28:** "Looking Back/Moving Forward," an exhibit highlighting the activities and activists that shaped the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. Colonnade Gallery, Marvin Center, 800 21<sup>st</sup> Street, N.W. Phone 994-6555. 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight.

**Through Friday, October 30:** "GW Ceramics: 25 Year Anniversary," an exhibition featuring the work of more than 30 GW graduate ceramics majors who were invited for a special show marking the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the program. Dimock Gallery, Lisner Auditorium lower level, 730 21<sup>st</sup> Street, N.W. Tuesday-Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and during Lisner events.

## St. Paul's Bazaar Set for October 10

The Annual Fall Bazaar of St. Paul's Episcopal Church has been set for Saturday, October 10. The parish bulletin advised that donations for the sale could be brought to the church beginning on Sunday, October 4. The times for the actual sale were not available at press time. St. Paul's usually holds an additional sale nearer to the Christmas holidays as well. Call 337-2020 for information.

## Varied Art Exhibited by the Arts Club

By Kate McLeod

Once again, Foggy Bottom is the location of great art exhibits, thanks to the Arts Club of Washington located at 2017 I Street. In celebration of Hispanic Heritage month, the Columbian Embassy is sponsoring and curating an exhibition of the photography of renowned photographer Diego Samper, October 8-November 8.

Mary Koga's photographic documentary of the Hutterites in Montana and Alberta, Canada will be on display through October 4, extended by popular demand.

Also on display through October 4 will be acrylic and ink "Painting from a State of Denial" by Tom Block. Block, a D.C. resident, is the first of 14 artists selected by Neal Benezra, Chief Curator of the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden. The conceptual stills of New York photographer Cheryl Kaplan will be on display through October 6.

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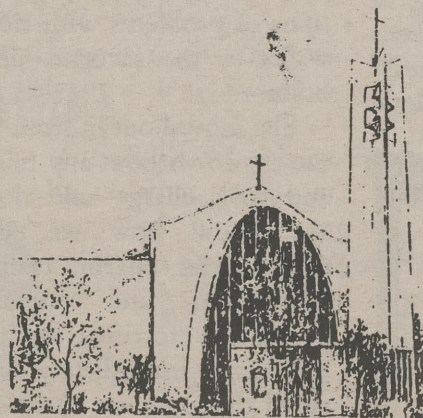
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